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1. About 50 single-engine ground attack aircraft in two rows facing each other were parked on the southwestern section of the Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield at noon on 8 April 1950. The planes had red, blue and white propeller hubs but were not arranged according to colors. Thirteen planes were arranged numerically in one row; the figures 1 to 13 were noticed. The upper edge of the rudder assembly was painted red. Ten twin-engine transports were parked in front of the hangars. Individual single-engine high-wing monoplanes made local flights.

2. Only 25 ground attack aircraft were parked at the field at 5 p.m. on 10 April 1950. The planes, which were strictly guarded, had the following features: all rudder assemblies had the same color, the upper edge being painted red; two suspension devices under the wings between the landing gear; streamlined cowling of landing gear with open flaps below; slit for traversing the gun in rear section of cockpit.

Eight twin-engine transports, six with a yellow-red lateral stripe on the rudder assembly and two with blue numbers and red edge on rudder assembly, were parked in front of the open hangars which were vacant. A formation of 37 ground attack aircraft in four squadrons without discernible order, flew over the airfield at 4:45 p.m. and apparently landed in Joeberitz (N 53/Z 65). It was noticed that each of the planes had a searchlight in the leading edge of the left wing.*

Plane number 52 was seen also.

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
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3. Twenty-nine ground attack aircraft, rudder assembly with red upper edge were parked at the field on 15 April 1950. Three twin-engine transports were parked in front of the hangars. There was no flying except for a single-engine high-wing monoplane which landed at 5:40 p.m. during a heavy rain.**

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- *  Comment: The information that another ground attack unit landed in Doeberitz is credible. Doeberitz is occupied by two ground attack regiments.

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- **  Comment: Report confirms occupation of Staaken airfield by a ground attack regiment and an air transport escadrille. The ground attack regiment was transferred to Staaken from Jueterbog-Altes Lager in early April 1950.

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